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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

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Fig. 3 discloses an alternative embodiment 20 of a medical adhesive dressing which is constructed in the same way as the Fig. 1 and 2 embodiment, except that the ~~handle portion~~ handling frame 21 is rectangularly shaped, and includes a central opening 21a, which exposes polymeric film layer 23 thereunder. Adhesively coated polymeric film ~~[[layer]]~~ 23 is adhered to a release liner 25, in the same manner as polymeric film layer 13 is adhered to release liner 15. In use, one bends back release liner 25 to expose an edge of handling frame 21, and handling frame 21 is grasped and used to peel adhesively coated polymeric film 23 away from release liner 25. It is similarly used to handle film 23 until it is applied to a patient's skin, at which time handle frame 21 is peeled away from the top surface of polymeric film 23.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

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Fig. 4 discloses yet a third embodiment 30, in which the handle 31 is U-shaped, having an end tab 31a projecting from the base of the U-shape. ~~Handling member~~ Handle 31 is adhered by its pressure sensitive adhesive layer to the top surface of polymeric film ~~[[layer]]~~ 33 along three sides thereof, with the fourth side edge being exposed as shown in Fig. 4. More specifically, the handle 31 includes a pair of spaced legs secured along two edges of the polymeric film 33 and a base joining the space legs secured along and extending beyond a third edge of the polymeric film. This entire assembly is then applied to a silicone coated release liner 35, in the same manner as are the embodiments discussed above. In use, one folds back release liner 35 in the vicinity of tab 31a, grasps tab 31a and peels the assembly of handle 31

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and polymeric film 33 away from release liner 35. The applicator then applies polymeric film 33 to the patient's skin, and then peels handle 31 away from the applied polymeric film 33.
